Council
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Leader's Report

10 Years of Medway Council

In April 1998 Medway Council was formed, bringing together services previously administered by Kent County Council, Gillingham Borough Council and the City of Rochester. Some of Medway Council's achievements over the last decade include:

- The campaign against an airport at Cliffe in 2002
- Funding for the regeneration of Rochester Riverside, Strood Waterfront and the town centres
- The Universities at Medway
- New libraries in Chatham and Rochester and the refurbishment of Gillingham library
- Contact Points in each of the five main town centres.

Future developments include:

- Further progress on Medway's regeneration projects
- Medway Park
- World Heritage Site Status for the Historic Dockyard.

Civic HQ/ Chatham Contact Point

Staff have now begun moving into Medway Council's new Headquarters at Gun Wharf.

The new Contact Point in Chatham has officially been opened, replacing the Local Office in Military Road. More than 350 people are using the Contact Point each day. Residents can receive help and advice with their housing needs and information on a wide range of Council services.

Strood Academy

Meetings have been held with Temple School, UCCA and SOCK to discuss the development of the Strood Academy. The Chapter and Temple schools should close in 2009, to be succeeded by a co-educational academy. It is expected that the new/remodelled building will be delivered by 2011.